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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. The reply brief filed 02/11/2008 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
2. The examiner requests the opportunity to present arguments at the oral hearing.

***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Troy Chambers whose telephone number is 571-272-6874 and whose email address is [troy.chambers@uspto.gov](mailto:troy.chambers@uspto.gov). The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8 am to 4 pm.

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